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offspring

SYLLABICATION: off-spring

PRONUNCIATION: Sof'spring', of'-

NOUN: Inflected forms: pl. offspring

1. The progeny or descendants of a person, animal, or plant considered as a group. 2. A child of particular parentage. 3. A result; a product.

ETYMOLOGY: Middle English ofspring, from Old English: of, off; see off + springan,

to rise.

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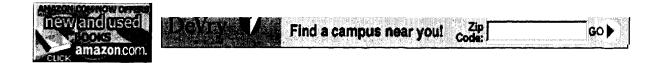
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- Animals and plants that grow independently of people, usually in natural conditions.(Source: CAMB) (Source: <u>European Environment Agency</u> (EEA), European Topic Centre on Catalogue of Data Sources (ETC/CDS): General Multilingual Environmental Thesaurus <u>Term Detail</u>)
- Free, undomesticated species of plants and animals on earth. (Source: EPA/Great Lakes National Program Office: Land by the Lakes: Nearshore Terrestrial Ecosystems: Glossary Term Detail)

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